



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON
THE DRAFT PERMIT FOR THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE FACILITY
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
EDWARDS CALIFORNIA



The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on the hazardous waste facility permit renewal for Edwards Air Force Base (Edwards) near Rosamond in Kern County, California. If approved, the Draft Permit would allow Edwards to continue consolidating hazardous waste at its storage facility at Edwards Air Force Base. This facility accepts hazardous waste for storage before Edwards ships it off base for disposal. The storage facility is in Building 4916, 446 North Rosamond Boulevard, Main Base, Edwards Air Force Base, California, 93524.

Building 4916 serves as a central point for collection of hazardous waste from all Edwards' operations. Wastes include acids, cleaning solutions, batteries, plastics, and resins. If approved, the Draft Permit would authorize Edwards to operate the hazardous waste storage facility for an additional ten years, provided that they meet all permit conditions.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (known as CEQA), DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on the environment. DTSC has reviewed the Draft Permit, completed an initial analysis, and decided that the Draft Permit does not significantly affect the environment. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption under CEQA.

The 45-day public comment period begins July 19, 2005, and runs through September 1, 2005. You may send all comments in writing to Ken Payne, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 or by e-mail to kpayne@dtsc.ca.gov. Comments must be postmarked or delivered by September 1, 2005.

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will make a decision on the Draft Permit and the CEQA Notice of Exemption, only after DTSC reviews and considers all public comments. DTSC will prepare a Response to Comments document and will send it to all people who comment on this project. Also, you can review the Response to Comments at the locations listed below, or on the DTSC web site.

If DTSC receives a Public Hearing request, we will hold a Public Hearing during the public comment period. Your request should state your reasons for a Public Hearing. For more information, contact Ken Payne, DTSC Project Manager, (916) 255-6444 or E-mail at KPayne@dtsc.ca.gov, or Nathan Schumacher, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll free at 1-866-495-5651 or E-mail at NSchumac@dtsc.ca.gov.

For media inquiries, please contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 551-2176 or E-mail at JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

The Draft Permit, the CEQA Notice of Exemption, and supporting documents are available at the following locations:

Wanda Kirk Branch

Air Force Flight Test Center Library

Kern County Public Library
3611 Rosamond Blvd.
Rosamond, CA 93560
(661) 256-3236

5 West Yeager Boulevard, Building 2665
Edwards Air Force Base, CA 93524
(661) 277-2665

Los Angeles County Public Library
601 W. Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 948-5029

Colonel Vernon Saxon Aerospace Museum
26962 Twenty Mule Team Road
Boron, CA 93516
(661) 762-6600

Notice to the Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 about Edwards.